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In re Application of:

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Examiner: David H. Kruse

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**I. SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED DRAWINGS IN RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 22, 2003; AND**
II. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner:

This submission is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 22, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was July 22, 2003. Although a Notice of Appeal was filed on July 21, 2003, the corrected drawings were not submitted at that time. Therefore, a request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to September 22, 2003.

The Examiner objected to Figure 13 and recommended that Figure 13 be reconfigured to keep all of the rows for each column on one page and to label the individual pages of Figure 13

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as 13A, 13B, etc. Applicants have corrected Figure 13 to fit all data on one sheet labeled FIG. 13. As the drawing now fits on one page, separate labeling as 13A, 13B, etc., is not necessary.

Applicants respectfully submit herein replacement Figure 13. This sheet replaces the original sheets including FIG. 13-1, FIG. 13-2, FIG. 13-3, and FIG. 13-4.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this submission.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including September 22, 2003, in which to submit corrected drawings in response to Final Office Action dated April 22, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check for the process fee for a two-month extension of time is enclosed.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/DEKM:157USC1.

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